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**US 2019 Winter Wheat Production Up 7 Percent**  
**Hay Stocks Down 3 Percent**

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year. State level data for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2019 totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019 totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

**US 2018 Cotton Ginnings Down 12 Percent**

A total of 17.9 million running bales were ginned during the 2018 season, down 12 percent from last season. There were 532 active cotton gins, down from the 553 gins that operated in 2017. Sixty percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 69 percent the previous season.

**Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield — States and United States: 2017 and 2018**

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	435.0	510.0	430.0	497.0	902	858
Florida .....	99.0	117.0	98.0	93.0	759	532
Georgia .....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,270.0	1,305.0	841	719
South Carolina .....	250.0	300.0	248.0	275.0	912	733
United States .....	12,717.5	14,100.3	11,100.4	10,205.8	905	864

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, May 2019

**Cotton Production and Bales Ginned — States and United States: 2017 and 2018**

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>1</sup>		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>2</sup>	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama .....	808.0	888.0	795,050	843,450
Florida .....	155.0	103.0	123,050	84,750
Georgia .....	2,225.0	1,955.0	2,257,900	2,003,650
South Carolina .....	471.0	420.0	416,800	376,200
United States .....	20,922.5	18,367.0	20,876,650	18,324,350

<sup>1</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned.

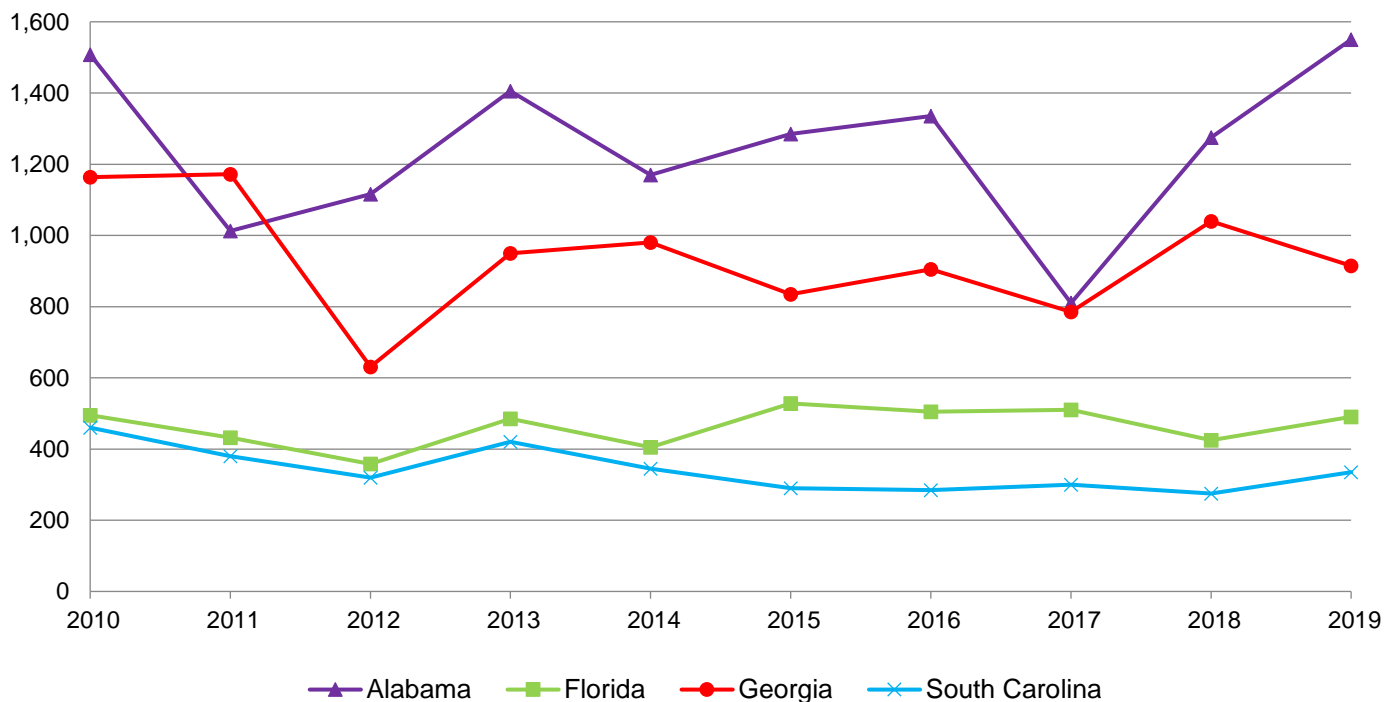
<sup>2</sup> Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cotton Ginnings 2018 Summary*, May 2019

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## Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2010-2019

1,000 tons



## Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2017-2019

State	December 1		May 1	
	2017	2018	2018	2019
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama .....	1,550	1,750	275	200
Florida.....	490	570	65	80
Georgia.....	1,240	1,180	200	265
South Carolina.....	390	430	115	95
United States .....	84,422	79,055	15,348	14,906

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, May 2019